

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT BRANCH

Washington, D.C. 20570

Via email

January 10, 2021

Re: FOIA Request NLRB-2022-000360

Dear Ms. Greta Jochem (The Berkshire Eagle):

This is in response to your request, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, received on January 3, 2022, in which you initially sought "copies of documents on the dockets" in *United States Postal Service*, Case Nos. 01-CA-288182, 01-CA-286503, 01-CA-287176, and 01-CA-287535. You requested a fee waiver.

We acknowledged your request on January 3, 2022. In a telephone conversation with a member of the FOIA staff on January 7, 2021, you clarified that you are seeking the formal records in the four cases.

A search of the Agency's electronic casehandling system, NxGen, has been conducted. This search has yielded 40 pages of responsive, releasable records from the requested case files, which are attached.

After a review, I have determined that portions of the attached records are exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C) (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and (b)(7)(C)). Specifically, redactions have been made to protect the privacy interests of individuals named therein. These redactions were made pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, which pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and FOIA Exemption 7(C), which pertains to records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and (b)(7)(C).

For the purpose of assessing fees, we have placed you in Category C, as a representative of the news media, in that you qualify as a person "actively gathering news for an entity that is organized and operated to publish or broadcast news to the public." NLRB Rules and Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(d)(1)(vii). Accordingly, there is no charge assessed for this request. Given your placement as a news media requester, your request for a fee waiver is moot.

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You may contact Teresita Sanabria, the FOIA Specialist who processed your request, at (202) 273-4000 or by email at teresita.sanabria@nlrb.gov, as well as the Agency's FOIA Public Liaison, for any further assistance and/or to discuss any aspect of your request. The FOIA Public Liaison, in addition to the FOIA Specialist can further explain responsive and releasable agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, and/or discuss how to narrow the scope of a request in order to minimize fees and processing times. The contact information for the FOIA Public Liaison is:

FOIA Public Liaison
National Labor Relations Board
1015 Half Street, S.E., 4th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20570
Email: FOIAPublicLiaison@nlrb.gov

Telephone: (202) 273-0902 Fax: (202) 273-FOIA (3642)

After first contacting the Agency, you may additionally contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA dispute resolution services it offers. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS College Park, Maryland 20740-6001 Email: ogis@nara.gov

Telephone: (202) 741-5770 Toll free: (877) 684-6448 Fax: (202) 741-5769

You may obtain a review of this determination under the NLRB Rules and Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(c)(2)(v), by filing an administrative appeal with the Division of Legal Counsel (DLC) through FOIAonline at: https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home or by mail or email at:

Nancy E. Kessler Platt Chief FOIA Officer National Labor Relations Board 1015 Half Street, S.E., 4th Floor Washington, D.C. 20570 Email: DLCFOIAAppeal@nlrb.gov FOIA Request NLRB-2022-000360 January 10, 2021 Page 3

Any appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal should contain a complete statement of the reasons upon which it is based.

Please be advised that contacting any Agency official (including the FOIA Specialist, FOIA Officer, or the FOIA Public Liaison) and/or OGIS does not stop the 90-day appeal clock and is not an alternative or substitute for filing an administrative appeal.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: (40 pages)